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Report of the Secretary-General on the functioning of the resident coordinator system, including costs and benefits (General Assembly resolution 62/208, paras. 93 and 142, and Council resolution 2008/2, para. 13, and Council resolution 2009/1, para. 20)

Report of the Secretary-General on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 62/208 (General Assembly resolution 62/208, para. 142, Assembly resolution 63/232 and Council resolution 2009/1, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies in the area of simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 62/208, para. 112, Council resolution 2008/2, para. 22, and Council resolution 2009/1, para. 4)

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Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2009 and its first regular and annual sessions of 2010 (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2010/5) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2009 and its first regular and annual sessions of 2010 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2009 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2009 (E/2010/14) (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2009/29) (see also under items 6, 8 and 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to General Assembly resolution 64/187 on information and communication technologies for development (Assembly resolution 64/187)

Report of the Secretary-General on recovering from the crisis: a Global Jobs Pact (Council resolution 2009/5, para. 6) (see also under item 6 (a))

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Report of the Secretary-General on recovering from the crisis: a Global Jobs Pact (Council resolution 2009/5, para. 6) (see also under item 4)

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolutions 58/230 and 62/187)[1]

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 62/203 and Council resolution 2009/31, para. 21)[1]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

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Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fiftieth session, 7 June-2 July 2010 (A/65/16, Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2009/10 (Council decision 2001/321)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013

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(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken in follow-up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2009/9, para. 6)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

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Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2009/4)

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Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/137 and Council resolution 2009/12, para. 3)

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(g) Tobacco or health

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Report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2008/232)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant

General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2009/29) (see also under items 4, 6 and 13)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

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Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 64/125 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2009/33, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 64/99)

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Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2010/15 and Add.1) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

The economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (E/2010/16) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa (E/2010/17) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (E/2010/18) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook (E/2010/19) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region (E/2010/20) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan[1] (Council resolution 2009/34, para. 15)

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2010 regular session, 25 January-3 February 2010 (E/2010/32 (Part I)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2009/229)

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2010 session, 26 May-4 June 2010 (E/2010/32 (Part II)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2009/229)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2009/29)[1] (see also under items 4, 6 and 8)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighteenth session, 3-14 May 2010 (E/2010/29, Supplement No. 9) (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2009/235)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of United Nations support for small island developing States (Council resolution 2009/17, para. 3)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twelfth session, 22-26 March 2010 (E/2010/33, Supplement No. 13) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its thirteenth session, Geneva, 17-21 May 2010 (E/2010/31, Supplement No. 11) (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, Assembly resolution 56/182 and Council decision 2009/219)

Report of the Secretary-General containing an executive summary on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes by each United Nations agency and programme (submitted through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, pursuant to Council resolution 2009/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet (E/2009/92) (Council decision 2009/220)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-first session, 23-26 February 2010 (E/2010/24, Supplement No. 4) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2009/237)

(d) Human settlements

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Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2009/238)[1]

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme/Global Ministerial Environment Forum on its eleventh special session, Bali, Indonesia, 24-26 February 2010 (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 64/204)[1]

Report of the United Nations Environment Programme on the chemicals volume of the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale Have Been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments (Council resolution 2008/13, para. 1)

Report of the World Health Organization on the pharmaceuticals volume of the Consolidated List: protection against products harmful to health and the environment (Council resolution 2008/13, para. 2)

(f) Population and development

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Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-third session, 12-16 April 2010 (E/2010/25, Supplement No. 5) (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 2009/239)

(g) Public administration and development

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Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its ninth session, 19-23 April 2010 (E/2010/44, Supplement No. 24) (Council resolutions 2001/45, 2003/60 and 2009/18)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fifth session, Geneva, 19-23 October 2009 (E/2009/45, Supplement No. 25) (Council resolution 2004/69 and Council decision 2009/265)

(i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

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(j) Cartography

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Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-sixth session (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2009/___)

(k) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-fourth session, 1-12 March 2010 (E/2010/27, Supplement No. 7) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-fourth session, 1-12 March 2010 (E/2010/27, Supplement No. 7) (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2009/232)

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its seventh session (16 and 17 February 2010) (General Assembly resolution 59/260 and Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the forty-fourth session (20 July-7 August 2009) and forty-fifth session (Geneva, 18 January-5 February 2010) of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-eighth session, 3-12 February 2010 (E/2010/26, Supplement No. 6) (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7 and Council decision 2009/244)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened eighteenth session, Vienna, 3 and 4 December 2009 (E/2009/30/Add.1, Supplement No. 10A) (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2008/245)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its nineteenth session, Vienna, 17-21 May 2010 (E/2010/30, Supplement No. 10) (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2009/246)

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (Council resolution 1745 (LIV))

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-second session, Vienna, 1 and 2 December 2009 (E/2009/28/Add.1, Supplement No. 8A) (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2008/247)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-third session, Vienna, 8-19 March 2010 (E/2010/28, Supplement No. 8) (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2009/248)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2009 (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

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Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-second (Geneva, 4-22 May 2009), forty-third (Geneva, 2-20 November 2009) and forty-fourth (Geneva, 3-21 May 2010) sessions (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on its fifty-third (Geneva, 11-29 January 2010) and fifty-fourth (Geneva, 24 May-11 June 2010) sessions (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex, article 44, para. 5)[1]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children (General Assembly resolution 62/141, sect. III)[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its ninth session, 19-30 April 2010 (E/2010/43, Supplement No. 23) (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decisions 2009/254 and 2009/255)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on relevant developments in the field of genetic privacy and non-discrimination and on a possible inter-agency coordination mechanism (Council decision 2008/233)

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World Economic Situation and Prospects, 2011 (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

Annual ministerial review on the theme "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education"

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education (General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 10, and Council decision 2008/258)

Thematic discussion on the theme (to be decided)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 2 (c))

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirteenth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

[3] The list of questions will be further revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2011.

B. Operational activities segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 62/208 (General Assembly resolutions 62/208 and 63/232 and Council resolution 2009/1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the functioning of the resident coordinator system, including costs and benefits (General Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 2009/1)

Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies in the area of simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 2009/1)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

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Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, Assembly resolution 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

South-South cooperation for development

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[1]

C. Coordination segment

The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the 2010 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (Council resolution 2007/272)

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

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Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decision 1999/208)

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Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

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Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 58/230)[1]

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 61/1 and Council decision 2001/320)[1]

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-first session (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2010/11 (Council decision 2001/321)

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

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Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (General Assembly resolution 58/269)

International cooperation in the field of informatics

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

African countries emerging from conflict

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2009/6)

Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2012 and 2013 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial ountries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation

[*Theme(s) to be selected*]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan[1]

Non-governmental organizations

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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16[1]

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its nineteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirteenth session (Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX))

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourteenth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda[1]

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[1]

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fourth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its tenth session (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60)

International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its sixth session (Council resolution 2004/69)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its ninth session (Council resolution 2004/69)

Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-seventh session (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-fifth session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2009/19)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-fifth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-ninth session (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twentieth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-fourth session (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2010 (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its tenth session (Council resolution 2000/22)

United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the Director of the United Nations System Staff College (General Assembly resolution 60/214)

Report of the Rector of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 61/216)

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 62/210)

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2010 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2010 should be the representative of a member of the Asian States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 19 January 2010 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2010 and 2011 (E/2010/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2010.

The Council's attention is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an as-available basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

In its decision 2008/258, the Council decided that the theme of the annual ministerial review of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2010 would be "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women".

In its resolution 2008/29, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2010 would be devoted to the theme of the 2009 ministerial declaration on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health.

In its decision 2009/250, the Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General[1] on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, decided, with reference to article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Council any comments on the proposal. Article 47 (1) and (2) of the Convention, as amended, provides that if a proposed amendment is rejected by any Party,[2] the Council may decide, in the light of comments received from Parties, whether a conference shall be called to consider such amendment.

The Council's attention is drawn to paragraph 56 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 63/303, in which the Assembly requested the Council:

(a) To consider the promotion and enhancement of a coordinated response of the United Nations development system and specialized agencies in the follow-up to and implementation of that outcome document, in order to advance consistency and coherence in support of consensus-building around policies related to the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development;

(b) To make recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Doha Declaration of 2 December 2008, for a strengthened and more effective and inclusive intergovernmental process to carry out the financing for development follow-up;

(c) Examine the strengthening of institutional arrangements to promote international cooperation in tax matters, including the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters;

(d) Review the implementation of the agreements between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in collaboration with those institutions, focusing in particular on enhancing collaboration and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as on the opportunities for contributing to advancing their respective mandates;

(e) Consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the possible establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world economic and financial crisis and its impact on development. The panel could provide independent technical expertise and analysis, which would contribute to informing international action and political decision-making and fostering constructive dialogues and exchanges among policymakers, academics, institutions and civil society.

In that regard, the Secretariat, in accordance with Council decision 2009/258, submitted to the Council a report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and enhancement of a coordinated response of the United Nations development system and the specialized agencies in the follow-up to and implementation of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development;[3] a note by the Secretariat on enhancing collaboration and cooperation

[1] E/2009/78.

[2] See E/2009/116, annex.

[3] E/2009/114.

between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions;[4] and a note by the Secretariat on the possible establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world economic and financial crisis and its impact on development: past terms of reference and any relevant factors or experience of previous ad hoc panels of experts.[5] A summary has been prepared by the President of the Council of the review of progress achieved in the follow-up to paragraph 56 of the Outcome of the Conference.[6]

In its resolution 2009/30 on a strengthened and more effective intergovernmental inclusive process to carry out the financing for development follow-up, the Council recommended to the General Assembly the modalities for a strengthened and more effective intergovernmental process for carrying out the financing for development follow-up. In paragraph 18 of its resolution 64/193, the Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Council, as contained in its resolution 2009/30.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2010 and 2011 (E/2010/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2010 (E/2010/2/Add.1)[7]

[4] E/2009/115.
[5] E/2009/113.
[6] E/2009/___.
[7] To be issued.

Annex

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	Term expires on 31 December
Argentina	2012
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Bangladesh	2012
Belgium	2012
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Cameroon	2010
Canada	2012
Chile	2012
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Comoros	2012
Congo	2010
Côte d'Ivoire	2011
Egypt	2012
Estonia	2011
France	2011
Ghana	2012
Germany	2011
Greece	2011
Guatemala	2011
Guinea-Bissau	2011
India	2011
Iraq	2012
Italy	2012
Japan	2011
Liechtenstein	2011
Malaysia	2010
Mauritius	2011

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Mongolia	2012
Morocco	2011
Mozambique	2010
Namibia	2011
New Zealand	2010
Niger	2010
Norway	2010
Pakistan	2010
Peru	2011
Philippines	2012
Poland	2010
Portugal	2011
Republic of Korea	2010
Republic of Moldova	2010
Russian Federation	2010
Rwanda	2012
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2011
Saint Lucia	2010
Saudi Arabia	2011
Slovakia	2012
Sweden	2010
Ukraine	2012
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2010
United States of America	2012
Uruguay	2010
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2011
Zambia	2012

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Letter dated 3 December 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As you are aware, the Government of the Republic of Rwanda hosted an intergovernmental meeting for the representatives of the Governments of the eight Delivering as One programme pilot countries (Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam), as well as representatives of the Governments of countries that have indicated voluntary adoption of the Delivering as One approach (Benin, Bhutan, the Comoros, Kiribati, Malawi and Papua New Guinea), in Kigali from 19 to 21 October 2009. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Governments of the programme country pilots to hold further exchanges on the experiences and lessons learned from their Delivering as One initiative since the seminar of the programme pilot countries on Delivering as One held in Maputo in 2008, and to exchange views on how to move the process forward while advancing the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 62/208.

I wish to seize this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the valuable support provided by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Development Group Office, the United Nations Evaluation Group and the United Nations country team in Rwanda in organizing and facilitating the event.

The text of the statement of outcome and way forward of the Kigali meeting, setting forth the findings of experiences of the programme pilot countries in the Delivering as One approach, the launching of the country-led evaluation and

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recommendations on the way forward is transmitted herewith for your consideration (see annex).

The meeting stressed, inter alia, that the launching of the Delivering as One initiative in participating countries took place at the specific request of their national Governments in the hope that the role and contribution of the United Nations system with respect to national development will become more coherent, effective and relevant and better support the Governments in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

The participants noted the findings and recommendations of the seminar of the programme pilot countries held in Maputo in 2008 and concluded that much progress has been achieved since then.

The participants emphasized that the Delivering as One approach was better than the fragmented United Nations development system that previously existed at the country level. They agreed that in the pilot countries there was no going back to doing business as it had been done prior to the Delivering as One initiative.

Among the general findings, the meeting reaffirmed that the Delivering as One approach had provided benefits for achieving better development results through increased national leadership and ownership in the development partnership with the United Nations system, in line with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 62/208. Programme pilot countries and countries voluntarily adopting the Delivering as One approach have increased access to a range of United Nations system mandates and resources, including those of specialized agencies and non-resident United Nations organizations, and national Governments determine which of those best respond to national needs and priorities.

The institutional framework for steering the process and the coordinating role of the Governments have been strengthened, which brought about greater coherence in United Nations support for addressing national priorities and has allowed the United Nations to become a more effective partner.

The lack of predictability and timeliness of funding, the lack of harmonization and simplification of business practices, high transaction costs, the low level of use of national operational capacities and the slow progress of the co-location of United Nations organizations were found to be among the major remaining constraints on the full implementation and acceleration of the Delivering as One initiative.

The meeting welcomed the initiative of seven of the eight programme pilot countries (Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam) to conduct country-led evaluations of their Delivering as One initiatives in compliance with the triennial comprehensive policy review resolution. The evaluation will be formative and will assess both the processes and results of the Delivering as One initiative. The participants agreed that, while the evaluations were country-specific, a set of common parameters should be considered in all of them and institutional arrangements have been agreed on to ensure the independence, quality and credibility of the evaluations.

The meeting provided a set of recommendations for accelerating the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 while reaffirming that there was no going back to doing business as it had been done prior to the Delivering as

One initiative and that the process should be taken forward in a strengthened manner with a view to addressing the challenges.

I should be grateful if you could arrange to have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 58 of the agenda, and of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 3 (a).

(*Signed*) Eugène-Richard **Gasana**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 3 December 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of outcome and way forward adopted at the Intergovernmental Meeting of the programme country pilots on Delivering as One, held in Kigali, 19-21 October 2009

Introduction

Representatives of the Governments of the eight Delivering as One programme pilot countries (Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Pakistan, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam) as well as representatives of the Governments of countries that have indicated voluntary adoption of the Delivering as One approach (Benin, Bhutan, the Comoros, Kiribati, Malawi and Papua New Guinea) met in Kigali, Rwanda, from 19 to 21 October 2009.

The participants in the meeting thank the Government of Rwanda for hosting the meeting, in particular His Excellency the Right Honourable Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda, Bernard Makuza, for his inspiring words of welcome. The role of overall chair of the meeting, assumed by His Excellency the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, James Musoni, is gratefully acknowledged.

The participants thank the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ms. Asha Rose Migiro, for her active participation and contribution, the Chair of the United Nations Development Group for her statement and the co-Chairs of the informal consultations of the General Assembly on system-wide coherence held at its sixty-second and sixty-third sessions for their support for the Delivering as One initiative. The participants also thank the representatives of the Governments of Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for their participation as observers and for their support.

Special thanks are due also to the staff of the United Nations for organizing and facilitating the event. The role of facilitator assumed by Mr. Moustapha Soumaré is gratefully acknowledged.

Introductory comments

All participants in the meeting, including those from countries that have indicated voluntary adoption of the Delivering as One approach, take note of the findings and recommendations of the seminar held in Maputo, Mozambique, in 2008 and conclude that much progress has been achieved since then. Participants stress that the launching of Delivering as One in their countries took place at the express request of their national Governments. Expectations are high that the role and contribution of the United Nations system with respect to national development will become more coherent, effective and relevant and better support the Governments in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Participants acknowledge that while there was no blueprint for Delivering as One, the pioneering efforts of the pilot countries have been crystallized into an approach under the principle of "no one size fits all", which has resulted in a certain degree of diversity of experiences and lessons learned in the different programme

pilot countries, but at the same time has shown a number of common elements across the countries.

Delivering as One fits in with the implementation of the Paris Declaration at the country level with its objective of better coordination and coherence.

Programme pilot countries and countries voluntarily adopting the Delivering as One approach have increased access to a wider range of United Nations system mandates and resources, including those of specialized agencies and non-resident United Nations organizations. National Governments determine which resident and non-resident agencies best respond to national needs and priorities.

Participants stress that the United Nations organizations are called upon to provide support to capacity development in programme countries, including normative and policy advice in achieving poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development, which requires a coherent and coordinated approach by the United Nations development system.

Participants stress the importance of South-South cooperation as an emerging cooperation modality in the context of Delivering as One. Participants further recognize the importance of the United Nations system in promoting and supporting such cooperation for capacity development, the transfer of technology and know-how as well as the sharing of best practices.

The reforms undertaken have given renewed government leadership to United Nations programmes, brought about greater coherence in United Nations support for addressing national priorities, and has allowed the United Nations to become a more effective partner. However, while commendable progress has been made at the country level, reform must now be pursued with equal vigour at the global level. Agency headquarters, executive boards, the General Assembly and Member States must all continue to support the reform process and work to realize change where it is required.

General findings

The Governments of the eight programme country pilots draw the following lessons learned from their experiences since the adoption of the Delivering as One approach:

The Delivering as One approach has provided benefits for achieving better development results through increased national leadership and ownership in the development partnership with the United Nations system. Experience thus far has confirmed that this approach is better than the fragmented United Nations development system that existed at the country level prior to the adoption of this approach. Participants agreed that in the pilot countries there is no going back to doing business in the manner prior to the Delivering as One initiative. The momentum should be maintained, and the process should be taken forward in a strengthened manner addressing the challenges.

National ownership and leadership

National ownership and leadership in the development partnership with the United Nations system has increased through the Delivering as One process. In all pilot countries, the role and contribution of the United Nations system is better

integrated in national development processes, and the United Nations system has become more responsive to national needs and priorities. The strategic role of the United Nations and the contribution that the United Nations development system can make to the achievement of national development priorities are clearer than before, though further improvement is required.

The pilot countries, particularly in the implementation phase, are increasingly working with subnational levels of government as well as civil society, giving them a strong sense of involvement and ownership of the development process and results.

Institutional frameworks for steering the process have been strengthened, including in providing actual oversight of the implementation of the "one programme", and outlining programme priorities for the coming years.

"One programme" and "one budgetary framework"

Delivering as One is ensuring coherence, strategic focus and simplified programming at the country level, ensuring aid effectiveness. A single, common country planning document has proved critical in the realization of these aims and contributes to the effectiveness of development results. Participants call for the effective implementation of operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 63/311 on system-wide coherence.[a]

The One UN programme and its budgetary framework provide the Governments with an overall view on what the United Nations system is doing in the countries and where it is spending funds. It shows in a transparent and holistic manner the work of the United Nations in the country and makes it easier for Governments to lead and have country ownership of the strategic direction of the programme and guide the work of the United Nations. Although more mutual efforts are needed in terms of the use of national financial and procurement systems, the coordination role of the Governments has been strengthened vis-à-vis the United Nations family.

The adoption of the "one programme" approach, including mechanisms for joint programming, has allowed countries to have better access to the range of mandates and resources of all organizations of the United Nations system, including those of specialized agencies and non-resident organizations.

The contribution of agencies is not determined by residency status, but, rather, by the contribution that they can make to the development priorities. Increasingly, non-resident agencies have contributed their specialized expertise in joint programming and policy dialogue, which has allowed the United Nations development system to draw upon the normative strength of the United Nations system.

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[a] Operative paragraph 7 reads: "*Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the United Nations Development Group, to propose to the General Assembly, at its sixty-fourth session, modalities for the submission and approval of common country programmes on a voluntary basis, bearing in mind the importance of national ownership and effective intergovernmental oversight of the development process".

There has been greater focus on issues such as gender, human rights, HIV/AIDS, the environment, employment and decent work, and disaster preparedness in country programming.

Coordination in programme implementation has improved with the creation of programme coordination mechanisms within the United Nations country teams.

Country-level United Nations staff capacity assessments have highlighted the need for the United Nations development system to provide a better mix between, on the one hand, programme management and implementation support, and, on the other, technical and policy advice as suited to the country situation.

Coordination with donors has improved, with donors increasingly operating as a cohesive group in their interaction with the United Nations country team.

The "one budgetary framework/one fund" has been critical in promoting coherence and improved division of labour among United Nations system agencies. However, there is still room for improvement, including on greater predictability and timeliness of funding at the country level, and the non-earmarking of contributions within the "one fund". The "one United Nations fund" mechanism has facilitated the improved strategic focus of the United Nations and brought better management for results, as well as enhancing compliance with the Paris Declaration principles.

Participants of the pilot countries note with concern that there are still significant funding gaps in the implementation of One UN programmes. They call upon donors and other countries in a position to do so to provide additional, predictable and multi-year contributions.

Participants note the risk that the development of programmes is driven by the availability of earmarked resources at the country level rather than by national needs and priorities and the specific comparative advantage of the United Nations system vis-à-vis other development partners at the country level. They call upon the donors to provide unearmarked funding and ensure that a minimum critical mass is made available for strategic programming to align the One UN programme with the national priorities.

While the "one budgetary framework/one fund" has the potential to enhance the transparency of and accountability for financial flows of the United Nations system, it is observed that information provided by the United Nations system in this regard does not in all cases meet the budget information needs of programme country pilots. United Nations budget cycles should, to the greatest possible extent, be aligned with national budget cycles.

Participants in the programme country pilots welcome modalities that make use of and strengthen national implementation systems and practices, especially in the areas of procurement and financial management.

In middle-income countries, programmatic needs should determine the funding of the One programme through country funds and improved access to the expanded Delivering as One funding window through mechanisms taking into account the needs of the middle-income countries for non-earmarked predictable resources for policy advice and capacity development. However, participants also observe that the use of national systems and expertise by the United Nations system is still at a low level.

Participants welcome and appreciate the initiatives taken by Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in establishing the expanded Delivering as One funding window for unearmarked funding of Delivering as One and their strong commitment to predictable and long-term funding. Participants call upon other donors to join this mechanism.

One leader and one voice

Programme country pilots recognize the strengthened role of the resident coordinator within the United Nations country team and mechanisms adopted for the United Nations system to speak with "one voice". However, pilot countries call for the resident coordinator to be provided with a level of authority matching the responsibilities and accountabilities placed on her/him. Participants also stress that the empowered resident coordinator would continue to work within the framework of national ownership and leadership of United Nations development assistance.

Participants also recognize that the effectiveness of the operational activities of the United Nations system in general and the Delivering as One approach in particular are contingent both on a well-coordinated United Nations country team whose members have sufficient delegated authority from their headquarters and on a well-coordinated government.

"One office" and transaction costs and savings

The United Nations system should operationally deliver as one.

While recognizing the distinct specificity of each country, pilot countries and countries voluntarily adopting the Delivering as One approach stress the importance of "one house" as a means not only of reducing transaction costs, but also, more importantly, to ensure greater synergies among United Nations teams.

Participants in the programme country pilots note that there has been slow progress in the co-location of United Nations organizations. It is noted that the cost of common premises should, where necessary, be borne by additional funding and not be at the expense of programme funding.

Progress has been made in finding solutions in areas of common services, common procurement at the country level and information and communications systems, which is being made available to other countries.

Participants appreciate the introduction of a single results report for the "one programme" and call on United Nations organizations and their governing bodies to simplify reporting requirements by substituting the single results report for individual organization reporting. They also recommend harmonized and simplified monitoring and evaluation systems with a view to using national systems.

The United Nations system is requested to ensure that United Nations staff competencies, including those of the resident coordinator and other resident and non-resident staff, are at the appropriate level to respond to national capacity needs *and priorities*.

While reaffirming that the central aim of Delivering as One is to achieve better development results, participants also recognize the importance of reducing the transaction costs in terms of resources, time and procedures.

The United Nations system should identify ways and means to ensure that savings resulting from cost reductions in operational activities accrue to development programmes in the same countries.

The United Nations system is requested to further clarify, standardize and harmonize the concepts, practices and cost classifications related to transaction cost and cost recovery, so that changes in transaction costs in Delivering as One programme pilot countries can be measured and reported.

The United Nations system is requested to further simplify and harmonize financial and administrative rules and regulations as well as human resource policies that would allow for more flexibility in countries and better alignment with national systems.

Country-led evaluations

Participants welcome the initiative of seven of the eight programme pilot countries (Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam) to conduct country-led evaluations of their Delivering as One initiatives in compliance with the triennial comprehensive policy review resolution and to share lessons learned among themselves and with countries that have indicated voluntary adoption of the Delivering as One approach as well as with other countries. Pakistan, being the biggest in terms of the One UN programme, the implementation of which started only after February 2009, will opt for the country-led evaluation at a later date to be communicated.

Participants emphasize that the evaluations should be truly country-led and respect the principles of independence, credibility and ownership.

Participants note with appreciation the technical support provided by the United Nations Evaluation Group, notably through the evaluability assessment of programme country pilots and the framework terms of reference, which are useful in developing country-specific terms of reference.

Participants welcome the methodological study to measure transaction costs to be conducted by Uruguay. Participants call for support for this initiative, whose findings and lessons learned will be shared with the other Delivering as One countries.

Participants agree that, while being country-specific, a set of common parameters should be considered in all the evaluations, namely, the objectives of the evaluations are to assess the contribution of the Delivering as One initiative to the national development priorities; the evaluations will assess four core evaluation criteria (relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of Delivering as One); and the evaluation will cover the time period since the Delivering as One initiative started in the country.

Participants agree that the evaluation will be formative and will assess both the processes and results of the Delivering as One initiative in its five pillars, including strategic intent and progress towards the outcome areas of the Delivering as One programme; will evaluate compliance with United Nations normative frameworks and cross-cutting issues and their concrete translation in the Delivering as One initiative; and will be based on evaluation questions that are specific and rooted in the national context and that embody the concerns of all stakeholders.

Participants agree on the institutional arrangements to ensure the independence, quality and credibility of the evaluations. These will include: (i) an evaluation management group at the country level chaired by the Government and composed of representatives from the Government, the United Nations and eminent national experts; the decision on the composition will be made by the Government; (ii) an independent evaluation team, recruited by the evaluation management group, that will have the relevant substantive expertise to assess the different areas of Delivering as One; and (iii) a quality assurance panel set up by the United Nations Evaluation Group, which will provide written comments on the terms of reference, the inception report, the draft and the final reports.

Participants agree that the final evaluation reports, once they have been validated with stakeholders and quality-assured by the panel, will be released to the public together with the written comments of the quality assurance panel and the management response prepared by the Government and the United Nations.

Link between country-led evaluations and the independent evaluation of lessons learned from Delivering as One

Participants welcome the provisions in the recent resolution on system-wide coherence (General Assembly resolution 63/311) that the independent evaluation should be based on the principles of national ownership and leadership, be conducted in the context of system-wide norms and standards, and be based on an inclusive, transparent, objective and independent approach.

Participants recognize that the independence, credibility and quality of the country-led evaluations will determine their usefulness for the independent evaluation of lessons learned requested in the triennial comprehensive policy review and system-wide coherence resolutions.

Participants request the General Assembly to organize the independent evaluation in such a manner that national ownership and leadership by programme country pilots is fully respected in the evaluation process.

The way forward

To accelerate the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 (triennial comprehensive policy review 2007) and specifically to ensure the success of the Delivering as One initiative, the participants in the meeting, including from the countries voluntarily adopting the Delivering as One approach:

- Reaffirm that there is no going back to doing business as it was done prior to the Delivering as One initiative. The momentum should be maintained, and the process should be taken forward in a strengthened manner addressing the challenges

- Underscore that the Delivering as One approach should continue to be guided by the principle of national ownership and leadership and that national Governments have the primary responsibility for their countries' development and for coordinating all types of external assistance, including that provided by multilateral organizations, in order to effectively integrate such assistance into their development processes

- Call upon agency headquarters, governing bodies, the General Assembly and Member States to continue to support the reform process and work to realize change where it is required

- Call upon donors to support Governments of pilot countries and countries voluntarily adopting the approach in sustaining efforts to mobilize timely, predictable, unearmarked and multi-year financial support for the Delivering as One initiative through the country funds

- Welcome the announcement by the Government of Viet Nam to host a high-level intergovernmental meeting on Delivering as One in Hanoi, Viet Nam, the date of which will be communicated at a later stage

- Agree that all country-led evaluations will be completed by 1 July 2010 as an input to the intergovernmental meeting on Delivering as One to be held in Hanoi.